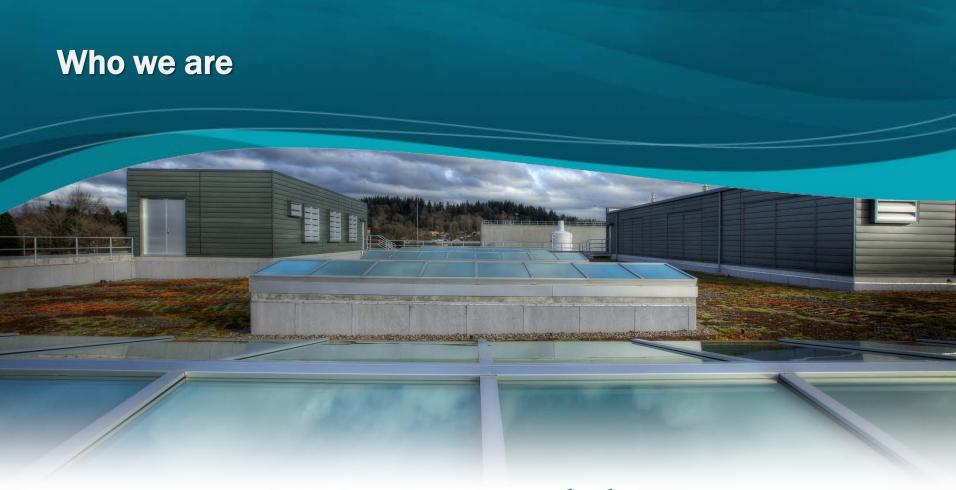
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Cultivating Comprehensive Water Education
Through Community Partnerships













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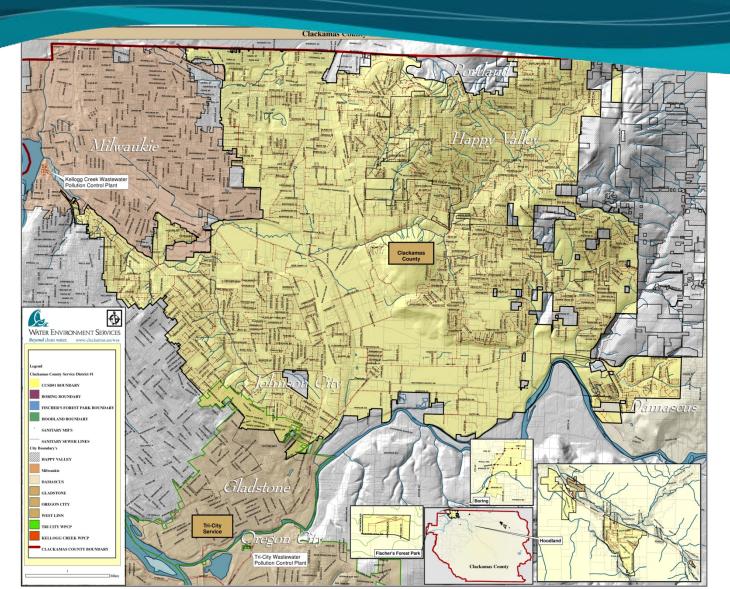
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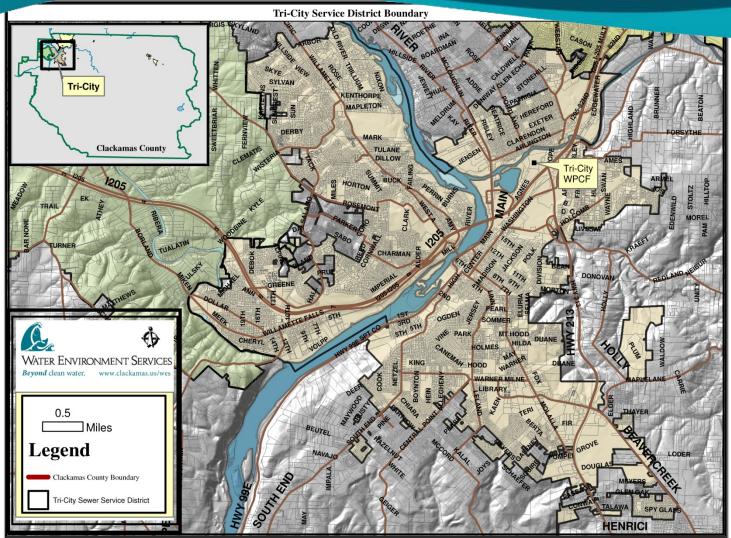


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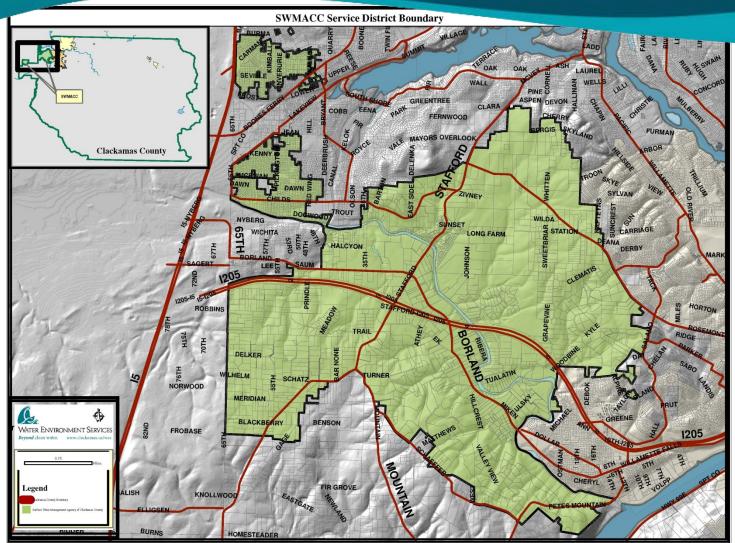


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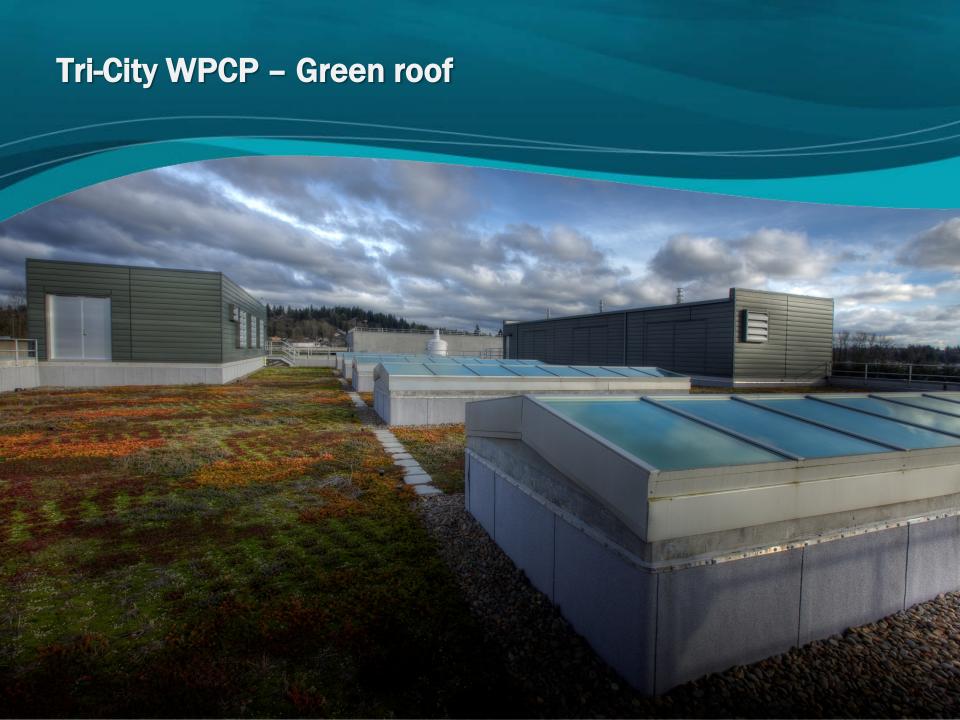


# Where we work Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County









# **WES Surface Water Program**

- → Conducts water quality monitoring in district watersheds
- → Drafts and implements stormwater management design standards for development
- → Supports community organizations & non-profits engaged in watershed restoration and water quality enhancement (RiverHealth Stewardship Program)
- → Maintains Watershed Action Plans for priority district streams
- → Implements restoration and maintenance projects

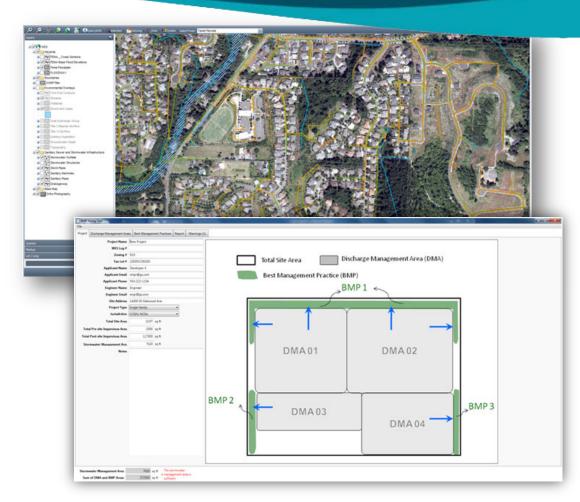


Kellogg Creek



### **WES Surface Water Program**

- → Exporing options for developers with online stormwater management tools to support LIDA - GIS Planning Tool; BMP Sizing Tool
- → Retrofitting and maintenance of detention ponds and other stormwater facilities





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- → A priority of the CCSD # 1 Watershed Action Plans
- → To engage, inspire and educate students and the community to protect and restore streams and improve watershed health
- → Provides curriculum, resources, partnerships, supplies and field experiences
- → K-12 and beyond
- → Flexible



- → Partnerships matter
  - Watershed councils
  - Consortiums
  - Community groups
  - Intergovernmental agencies
  - Formal and non-formal educators
  - Consultants
  - Scientists, engineers and other experts





- → Provides curriculum, resources, partnerships, supplies and field experiences
- → Supports STEM educational goals
- → Features hands-on, inquiry-based learning
- → Student data is authentic
- → Students contribute to WES surface water projects







#### → Projects

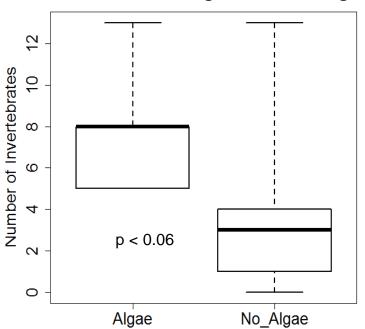
- Water quality testing
- Native and invasive plant identification
- Riparian/wetland restorations and enhancements
- Macroinvertebrate collection and data analysis
- Salmon dissection and carcass toss
- NEW rain garden sizing and installation

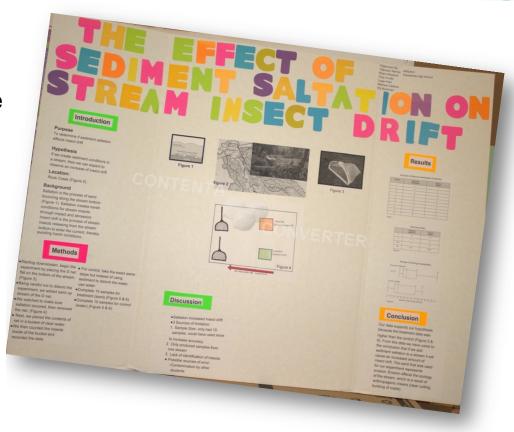




#### → Experiments & Analysis

#### Rocks with Algae vs No Algae







#### → Student work

- Artwork
- Scientific papers
- Journals
- Posters
- Videos





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- → Student-to-student education
  - Interactive displays
  - Presentations
  - Storytelling
  - Community events
  - Multisensory experiences in local waterways





- → Clackamas Water Education Team (CWET), a consortium of water-related agencies
  - Celebrating Water Event
  - Teacher Workshop
  - Activity kits
  - Mobile demonstration rain garden
  - Peer-to-peer support







- → Wastewater is part of the water cycle
- → Separate sanitary sewer system
- → Wastewater treatment tours
  - Conventional Activated Sludge
  - Membrane Bioreactor
  - Lab





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- → In its 5<sup>th</sup> year, WHEP reaches 2,000 students and their families
- → Benefits...
  - WES
  - Schools
  - Students
  - Public
  - Watersheds
  - America's waters
  - Earth's water supply





→ Thank you to our partners































